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## Possible Settlement Of Hotel Strike Seen; Relief Money Needed

With chances for settlement of San Francisco's hotel strike having risen above last week's zero low, hopes for a near conclusion of the strike were this week on the upgrade.

Although John A. O'Connell, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council and spokesman for the Labor Council advisory group which has taken over negotiations, could make no comment on the progress being made, it was understood that the outlook was considerably brighter.

Hotel workers were threatened this week with a lockout in forty Class B hotels. This action was held off by Class B hotel owners pending negotiations between the Labor Council and the Class A operators.

Two Class B hotels, the Olympic and Chancellor, were struck last Friday because their management was identified with the William Taylor, whose ownership has changed hands since the beginning of the strike. This action was explained by the joint strike committee as an extension of the strike on the Class A front. The policy of the strike committee has been to close up properties connected with Class A hotels.

### Class B Hotels Sign Agreements

A split in the solidarity of Class B hotels was shown in the fact that fourteen have signed up with the unions. The joint strike committee reports that the following hotels have signed up: The Clark, Governor, President, Virginia, Broadmoor, Richelieu, Continental, St. James, Alta, Alcantara, Crystal, New Fillmore, Mentone and Somerton.

Strikers prepared to go into their sixth week of strike conditions with an unbroken morale and a full program of activities, Walter Cowan and Hugo Ernst, president and secretary of the Local Joint Executive Board, said, and added:

"We are not relaxing any on account of negotiation proceedings. We are still determined that we will not leave the clerks and office employees, who have made this fight with us, out in the cold when the time comes to make a settlement. The fact that hotel owners in Portland and Seattle have recognized clerks and office employees makes us even more firm in this stand. San Francisco can accomplish what these two cities have and we are here to see that it does."

### Call on Unions for Support

Supplementing the appeal for finances issued by the Labor Council, the Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers has sent out a reminder to all unions urging them to support the strike.

Reviewing strike expenditures, strike leaders said that they had been able to keep the strike costs down to a total of \$60,000 for eight weeks. Cash relief payments for the past two weeks have totaled \$25,000. It is estimated that this figure will rise as personal resources of the strikers are exhausted.

Both Cowan and Ernst expressed themselves as being confident that the strike could be carried

through to a successful conclusion if finances were available.

In an effort to make picket lines 100 per cent impassable strike leaders appealed to Postmaster William McCarthy to follow the action of the postmaster at Niles, Ohio, who issued an order forbidding mail to go through the picket lines. Such an order, issued here, would keep parcel post deliveries of meat and other merchandise out of the hotels.

## Shipping Companies in Agreement On Seamen's Affiliation Election

Settlement of shipping troubles along the East Coast and in Gulf ports loomed this week following agreement of seventy-five shipping companies to a National Labor Relations Board election to determine a collective bargaining agent for 75,000 seamen.

The election will determine the outcome of the fight for supremacy between the National Maritime Union (C. I. O.) and the International Seamen's Union (A. F. of L.).

## Governor Murphy of Michigan Will Speak Here at Convention Banquet

The seventh annual meeting of the Catholic Laymen's Retreat will convene in San Francisco today (Friday). In addition to eight members of the Catholic hierarchy hundreds of laymen will be in attendance. Theses on industrial problems, communism and the retreat movement will be read at the sessions, which will be held at the University of San Francisco.

Governor Frank Murphy of Michigan, whose name has been so prominently in the news columns of the past few months in connection with the various strike situations in that state, will be the speaker at the convention banquet in the Civic Auditorium tomorrow night. His subject will be "Industrial Peace on the Basis of the Labor Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII," and in the course of which address it is thought the Michigan executive may present his observations and views on the present industrial situation in this country.

## Longshoremen Balloting On C. I. O. Affiliation

The fourteen thousand members of the International Longshoremen's Union in the San Francisco Bay area have been voting this week on the question of affiliating with John L. Lewis's Committee for Industrial Organization. The polls will be kept open until 6 o'clock tonight.

Ballots for an immediate referendum were sent more than a week ago, after the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast, in session in Portland, Ore., authorized a C. I. O. poll of its affiliated unions. But J. F. Kennedy, vice-president of I. L. A. Local 38-79, ordered the voting held up "to give the membership a chance to be fully informed."

Harry Bridges and Henry Schmidt, president of Local 38-79, flew here from Portland and urged I. L. A. meetings to swing to C. I. O. They then flew back to the Federation meeting.

Bridges reassured those who question whether or not I. L. A. would lose its autonomy by joining the C. I. O. and declared it was time to support industrial unionism.

## State Troops Occupy Steel Towns of Ohio At President's Request

The Federal Steel Mediation Board, transfused with new hope for settlement of the seven state steel strike, left Cleveland suddenly on Tuesday of this week for Youngstown to confer with steel executives in that area, where troops to the number of 4800 were doing patrol duty and blocking the reopening of steel plants.

Departure of the three-man board came soon after they met with John L. Lewis, C.I.O. chieftain, and followed expressions of optimism by Chairman Charles P. Taft of the board, who said definite progress had been made in solving the strike crisis.

With the other members of the Federal Commission—Lloyd K. Garrison and Edward McGrady—Taft will confer probably with Frank Purnell, president, and J. C. Argetsinger, vice-president of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, whose Mahoning Valley plants are under modified martial law.

Lewis, whose C.I.O. affiliated Steel Workers' Organizing Committee called the steel strike involving 100,000 workers, boarded a plane for Washington, after a federal peace parley called by the Department of Labor at the behest of President Roosevelt broke up in deadlock.

Representatives of the four steel companies left the parley after refusing to deal with Lewis on the grounds his C. I. O. is "irresponsible."

Chairman Charles Taft of the mediation board announced he was inviting the steel men to return to continue consideration of the situation. Lewis announced he was willing to mediate at any time, although he insisted that the strike would be continued until the companies signed C. I. O. contracts.

Although John L. Lewis had predicted violence which might result in the "butchery" of strikers, this was averted by the setting up of military rule by Governor Davey, with the approval of President Roosevelt.

After Governor Davey's proclamation the President personally requested Republic and Youngstown Sheet and Tube to abandon their announced intention of reopening their struck plants at Youngstown, Niles and Warren.

Hundreds of employees arrived at the plants expecting to go to work, but sheriff's deputies turned their busses back without permitting the passengers to alight.

The aspiring workers were easily persuaded after one look at thousands of strikers gathered about the gates in menacing mood, although they had discarded their clubs and other weapons in compliance with orders by Governor Davey.

### MASS MEETING TO PROTEST

The Committee for the Freedom of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings announces that it will sponsor a mass meeting of protest against the continued incarceration of the two men, the gathering to be held in the mammoth Exposition Auditorium in San Francisco on Sunday, July 25. The date will also mark the twenty-first anniversary of their imprisonment.

## Social Security Board Receives Co-operation

Assuring the maximum development and co-ordination of unemployment compensation and public employment services, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and Arthur J. Altmeyer, chairman of the Social Security Board, have announced the adoption of a policy of joint action by their respective agencies in assisting the states to administer their state employment services in co-operation with the state unemployment compensation systems.

To effect this policy a co-ordinating committee representing the two federal agencies has been established with respect to all matters affecting state employment services that they may act in complete harmony.

### How Benefits Are Paid

In order to be approved by the Social Security Board and to receive federal grants for administrative costs, state unemployment compensation laws must meet certain requirements in the Social Security act, among others, that benefits shall be paid solely through public employment offices in the state, or such other agencies as the board may approve.

The state employment services are state agencies affiliated with the United States Employment Service, under the terms of the Wagner-Peyser act, and receiving a certain proportion of their funds and considerable administrative supervision from the United States Employment Service.

The cost of the additional functions placed upon the employment offices by unemployment compensation must be met through grants to the states by the Social Security Board for the administration of their approved unemployment compensation laws.

The suitability of work offered an applicant must

be determined in accordance with certain requirements. Also, in order to continue to receive benefits, a worker must continue to be available for work, a requirement which necessitates frequent re-checking by the employment offices.

In practice, as well as intent, the effect of these provisions is to place major emphasis on unemployment compensation, not on paying benefits to workers once they become unemployed, but on avoiding this necessity by intensive efforts to keep men in suitable jobs at full pay. The role of employment service in relation to unemployment compensation is thus of utmost significance.

### To Expand Employment Service

Under twenty-two state unemployment compensation laws benefit payments begin in January, 1938. Plans for the expansion of the present state employment services, in order to meet the needs of unemployment compensation, are already under consideration by state officials administering these two services. In addition, state employment service administrators are at present engaged in drawing up detailed plans for the organization and operation of their services during the coming year.

The policy of joint action agreed to by the Social Security Board and the Department of Labor will enable state officials to plan the necessary expansion and co-ordination well in advance of the date benefit payments are to begin.

### HOTEL STRIKERS WIN

Seven hundred former employees returned to work in the leading hotels of Kansas City last week, following settlement of a nineteen-day strike. The agreement provides for the union shop, higher wages and shorter hours.

### Officials Procure Reversal of Bureaucratic Union Label Order

Vigorous action by the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor brought reversal of an order by Federal Alcohol Administration officials barring use of the union label on beer, ale and whiskey bottles.

Barring of the union label by the F.A.A. was very properly regarded as a threat to union labels generally, since the Federal Trade Commission and other federal bureaus might begin to regulate or restrict the label on food and other products.

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## Chicago Street Carmen Obtain New Wage Scale

Chicago's 14,000 organized street carmen have just concluded negotiations with the Chicago surface lines as a result of which they have obtained the highest rate of wages ever paid on this property, and a week's vacation with pay.

The committee of Division 241 obtained an offer through negotiation of 80 cents an hour for motormen and conductors on two-man cars and 88 cents per hour for one-man car and bus operators, as well as increases of 3 cents per hour for all other members of the organization.

### Additional Employment Provided

The eight-hour day has been re-established, with time and a half for all work beyond eight hours. It is estimated that the increase will add some \$2,000,000 per year to the incomes of the street carmen. The institution of a vacation schedule means the employment of some 500 more workers on the system.

Division 241, together with Division 308, whose members are employed on the elevated systems of Chicago, provides an outstanding example of the benefits made possible through organization.

### Beneficiary Features Disburse \$11,000,000

Over the years these two divisions have built up beneficial features to the point where in 1936 the twenty thousand members of both divisions and their families received the sum of \$1,019,530.16. In the last ten years almost \$11,000,000 in sick, disability, death and unemployment benefits have been paid out. Both divisions pay death, disability and old-age benefits of \$200 in addition to the international benefits of \$600.

During the depression not a single member of Division 241 was required to appeal to charity for assistance.

By referendum vote the members of Division 241 accepted the new wage scale on June 14, the figures being 9459 in favor and 653 against.

### HE CERTAINLY WAS

A soldier in the English army wrote home: "They put me in the barracks; they took away my clothes and put me in khaki; they took away my name and made me 'No. 575'; they took me to church, where I'd never been before, and they made me listen to a sermon for forty minutes. Then the parson said: 'No. 575, art thou weary, art thou languid?' and I got seven days in the guardhouse because I answered that I certainly was."—"Christian Endeavor World."

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## Service Employees of Down-Town Buildings All Set for Walkout

A strike involving some 4000 janitors, elevator and other building service employees in down-town office buildings in San Francisco, and which may be extended to include 2000 others, seemed a probability as the Labor Clarion went to press.

Negotiations which have been in progress for some time apparently have reached a standstill, and no further meetings are scheduled.

The strike will be called against any of the 225 buildings which have not signed agreements with the unions by Friday, according to Charles Hardy, international vice-president of the Building Service Employees' Union, Local 87.

The strike decision was reached at a meeting of the joint strike committee of twenty from the service union and Elevator Operators and Starters' Union, Local 117.

### Labor Council to Act

Approximately 4000 janitors, elevator and other service employees are employed in San Francisco's down-town office buildings.

It was indicated the union leaders would appear before the Labor Council tonight and seek the customary strike sanction, not yet granted by the Council.

Another meeting has been called by the Labor Council of all unions which might become indirectly involved because of picket lines. These comprise window cleaners, operating engineers, plumbers, painters and others. Their unions are affiliated with the Federation of Building Service Crafts, which will meet to map strike plans.

Hardy declared the matter of preference of employment was the main issue and said the unions had offered to arbitrate all issues if the Building Managers and Owners' Association would furnish them with a list of the buildings the association represents.

He declared he believed about sixty buildings would sign up independently before today.

### Demands of Unions

Terms being asked by the union include, in addition to the closed shop and hiring hall, the following:

Eight-hour day, six days a week for all janitors and watchmen; eight-hour day, five days a week for elevator operators.

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### MACHINISTS' ELECTION

C. F. ("Curley") Grow was re-elected a vice-president of the International Association of Machinists in the recent referendum vote of that organization. Headquarters of the Coast territory which he represents are in San Francisco. President A. M. Wharton and all other incumbent officers of the International were re-elected. Contesting candidates were entered for the majority of the positions on the ticket.

### CELLOPHANE FOR FRUIT TREES

Cellophane coverings for fruit trees to protect them from insects and sudden drops in temperature were described at a recent conference on the industrial uses of farm products through applied science. Trees are draped with a garment known as the celloveil to guard them against the weather. Perforations allow free access of air but not of moths.

### Giant Utility Group in Contract With Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

The first wage contract ever signed by a subsidiary of the gigantic Consolidated Edison Company, said to be the largest utility concern in the world, was consummated recently between the Brooklyn Edison Company and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, an A. F. of L. affiliate.

Contracts have also been concluded with three other companies in the system and an announcement made by an official of the Consolidated that an additional three subsidiaries would be included. When finally completed, about 40,000 workers will enjoy better conditions as a result of their union membership.

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## Laundry Workers' No. 26 Re-elect Old Officers

By an overwhelming vote at its election held last Monday, Laundry Workers' Union No. 26 re-elected Lawrence Palacios as president and returned to office Secretary Margie Hackett, Assistant Secretary Tillie Clifford and Business Agent Charles Keegan, who were the sole nominees for their respective positions. Other successful candidates were:

Vice-president, Charles O'Connor; treasurer, Jack O'Keefe; trustee, Joe Henwood; outside sergeant-at-arms, James Allen; executive board, Lawrence Palacios, Charles Keegan, Tillie Clifford, Jack O'Keefe, Charles O'Connor, Al O'Connor, James Allen, Earl Young, May Quirk and Tom Beale; delegates to Labor Council, Lawrence Palacios, Charles Keegan, Margie Hackett, Tillie Clifford, Charles O'Connor, Al O'Connor, Harry Korts, Elvia Norrell, Dorothy Ring and Mona Kershaw.

Laundry Workers' Union No. 26 is reported to be gaining rapidly in numbers, and has recently signed agreements with practically all French laundries, which hitherto have been outside the union.

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## Shelley Gives Timely Warning

In an earnest appeal, listened to with rapt attention, President John F. Shelley of the San Francisco Labor Council last Friday night called upon the delegates, and through them upon the members whom they represent, for co-operation in preserving the unity of the local labor movement and for calm and business-like handling of potentially dangerous situations with which the various organizations may be confronted.

He had just returned from attending the Seattle conference of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, and told of the numerous inquiries made concerning the success attained here in the building of the movement, and told of his pride in being one of its officials and of his desire to promote its welfare.

"Let's stick together," he pleaded, and then proceeded to give warning of some of the dangers that might portend disaster, but which can be easily averted when justice, reason and patience prevail. It is no longer a secret, he declared, that the so-called "open shop" advocates are attempting to build up a war chest with the end in view—a very definite policy, in fact—of taking advantage of the first serious rift in the ranks of union labor. They even brag that it is "time for a showdown," and attempts have already been made to extend the present hotel strike and thus force the issue.

In particular, the Labor Council executive called upon each unit of the local movement not to take rash or hasty action that places in jeopardy not only its own welfare but mayhap that of other organizations likely to be involved but which latter have not been consulted. The sudden calling of strikes and the placing of unauthorized picket lines were declared to be extremely dangerous procedure, and mention was made, in general, of incidents of this nature which have caused not only embarrassment but unjustified injury.

In connection with the subject of such incidents the speaker pointed out the grave injustice done to the Labor Council, as the official central body of its affiliates, when it is kept in ignorance of contemplated strike or other drastic action by such affiliates. The good offices, advice and every reasonable request for aid of the Council and its president and secretary are always at the disposal of the unions—at times, in the case of the officials, at unearthly hours—and, when given the proper notice and opportunity, situations appearing hopeless have been satisfactorily adjusted without the loss of time to the workers or injury to an employer's business. Shelley disclaimed any inference toward the supernatural in behalf of the officials, yet their experience and wider knowledge of the general labor movement, he believed, may often be of value when unions proceed in accordance with the well-known regulations of the Council in threatening, or even minor, situations. Above all, how-

ever, Shelley continued, the various unions should play fair with the Council itself as the long-recognized representative in this city competent to speak for labor in general, and likewise the unions should play fair with each other. "Take up situations that may arise in an orderly manner. Use your heads. Keep this Council and the labor movement together" may be said to very briefly sum up the timely admonition given.

## For Democracy and Freedom

At the conference held in Stockton last week the Northern California Methodists took a very emphatic stand for freedom and democracy when they adopted the report of the commission on social service. The report proclaimed, in part:

"We declare ourselves for democracy. The interplay of ideas and the struggles of conflicting interests cannot be avoided in a democracy. A free church cannot long survive the death of a free school, free press, free speech and free assemblage. Freedom of inquiry, freedom of utterance, freedom of teaching, freedom of press and assemblage—these are the foundation of democracy and progress. The church cannot for its life and for the sake of its gospel consent to the surrender of these precious liberties.

"It is our duty to fight every attempt, from whatever quarter it may come, to take these liberties from the church or from any citizen of our country. More concretely, we are and must be opposed to 'vigilantism,' to organized attacks on the liberty of man to organize peaceably, the use of forces of government to serve the interests of one group by attacking the rights of another group, and to the endeavor to discharge teachers or workers for opinions or for legal activities."

The resolution concluded: "We call upon our people to make a serious study of the relation of the church to the community and state, in order that we may deal intelligently with the growing problem of encroachments upon liberty, and the trend toward dictatorship and fascism."

## The Unjustified Sales Tax

That a tax is not justified merely because it produces revenue easily, when on the other side of the ledger it violates every principle of equitable taxation, has been pointed out by various groups.

A study made by "Business Week" proved that those in the \$1000 income group spend 60.9 per cent of their income on taxable goods, whereas the person having a \$1,000,000 income spends only 1 per cent in this way. The poor man's sales tax is sixty times heavier in proportion to a rich man's.

It is argued that the sales tax saved the small home owner from the heavy burden of property tax. Mabel L. Walker, in a study published by the Tax Policy League of New York, has shown the effect of a 2 per cent sales tax on the home owners in Maine. This sales tax allowed a 6-mill offset in the property tax in that state. It was found that the assessed valuation of the majority of homes ranged from \$2000 to \$4000. The property tax saved on a \$4000 home amounted to \$12. This same home owner was found to have a \$2000 annual income and paid \$23.44 in sales taxes. Or, in other words, he paid a \$23 sales tax to save \$12 on his property tax. It was found that the person owning \$25,000 worth of property got the relief. The estate worth \$50,000 saved \$150 in property tax and paid only \$95.10 in sales tax.

The sales tax is to be condemned because it places the heaviest burden upon the person least able to pay, and because it places a tax on the necessities of life.

If all patriotic societies would buy only union label goods it would do more to stabilize our institutions than all the talk about the invasion of foreign ideas. That emblem is used on American-made products only.

## Speaking of Traditions

A sentence in the unfavorable report of the Senate judiciary committee on President Roosevelt's court plan stated:

"It stands now before the country acknowledged by its proponents as a plan to force judicial interpretation of the Constitution, a proposal that violates every sacred tradition of American democracy."

And a little jogging of memory caused Eliot Harris of the International Labor News Service to comment:

"The 'sacred tradition' of the Dred Scott case! Of the 'yellow-dog' Coppage vs. Kansas and Hitchman vs. John Mitchell cases! Of the Adkins vs. Children's Hospital case, that blocked minimum wage laws for thirteen years! Of the Hammer vs. Dagenhart case, which has protected child labor exploiters for nineteen years! These are the 'sacred traditions' which would be violated by the President's plan of court reform."

## Labor's Most Effective Weapon

"I never did understand how the families of union workers who are being paid union wages could consider it consistent to trade in stores that are paying low wages, working their employees long hours and maintaining unsatisfactory working conditions. If every dollar of union wages boycotted such union shops the fight for union labor would soon be won. The dollar of the union worker is the most effective weapon that he has. Too often he has failed to recognize the fact and consequently has failed to efficiently use this great weapon."

These were the words of Mayor John F. Dore of Seattle, used in an official proclamation of the recent "Union Label Week" in that city.

Calling upon all members of the party to buy shirts—blue ones (union label not specified!) Governor George Allen of Vermont, Republican, speaking: "We must get it out of the heads of the voters that we are the official organization of the holding companies and the speculators. If we do not do this, then no \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000 campaign fund is going to do us one bit of good in 1940. We have this opportunity. We can make the most of it or not. If the Republican party does not appeal to the millions of loyal but non-partisan citizens of our country then there will be no recourse for those citizens except to organize a new party. It is high time for the Republican party to discard the tall hat and get itself a blue shirt."

Hugh L. Kerwin, director of conciliation in the U. S. Department of Labor, died of a heart attack at his home in Washington on June 10. He was 63 years of age. Going to Washington as secretary to William B. Wilson, then chairman of the labor committee of the House of Representatives, when Mr. Wilson became Secretary of the new Department of Labor in 1913 Mr. Kerwin continued as his secretary. He was appointed director of the Conciliation Service in 1917.

The New York "American" announced Wednesday last its consolidation with the New York "Journal" as an evening paper and with the New York "Daily Mirror" in the morning field. All are Hearst newspapers.

## "ALTERNATIVES TO MEDIATION"

(San Francisco "News")

A dispatch from Warren, Ohio, tells of court proceedings in which attorneys for the C. I. O. forced attorneys for the Republic Steel Corporation to read into the record an inventory of the arms and ammunition on hand in Republic's Warren and Niles plants. Here's the list: 3000 rounds of .38 cartridges, 2500 shotgun shells, 20 12-gauge shotguns, 30 revolvers, 103 gas guns, 250 long-range gas projectiles, 100 short-range gas projectiles, 250 gas grenades.

## Teachers' Legislation

The most significant accomplishment of the recent session of the Legislature in regard to the classroom teacher is the fact that the present tenure law withstood all pressure to weaken its terms, according to an analysis made by Attorney Irving Breyer, counsel for the Board of Education. Several bills were introduced concerning tenure. One was drastic as seeking to abolish tenure in its entirety; others sought to amend the present provisions, substituting term contracts, said Breyer. However, all of these bills were tabled in the Assembly committee on education. There was one amendment to the tenure law which was adopted, which amendment strengthens the present law; that is, the Board of Education must file a complaint in the Superior Court within thirty days after a teacher who has been suspended demands a hearing. Prior to this amendment there was no time limit imposed on the Board of Education, according to Breyer.

Breyer pointed out that Assembly Bill No. 440 provides a method by which teachers may be paid in twelve equal monthly installments by having withheld from each payment an amount equal to 16 2/3 per cent thereof, the amounts withheld to be paid in two equal installments not later than August 5 and September 5. This will insure a teacher's receiving money during the so-called "dry" period, and also will insure the district against any possible loss. However, this legislation is merely permissive, and it is up to the governing board of the particular district whether it desires to operate in accordance with its terms.

"An amendment was adopted to the present section of the School Code dealing with leaves of absence for illness, to the effect that such leaves shall not be construed to be a break in service of a probationary teacher as affecting permanency. However, the teachers in San Francisco heretofore have been receiving the benefits of this liberal provision, due to the interpretation by the city attorney of our charter provisions dealing with school affairs.

"A law has been enacted setting up a minimum of \$1320 salary for full-time teachers throughout the State of California.

"The present state retirement law for teachers was rewritten in order to iron out a number of difficulties that have arisen in the administration of its provisions during the last two years. However, there were no major changes in substance adopted, and all teachers will receive the same protection and benefits under the present retirement law as they have received during the past two years.

"A bill was introduced at this session of the legislature which defined the duties of the superintendent of schools, making him the chief executive of the school department, and giving to him the power to nominate for appointment and assign to duty members of the certificated staff. Due to strong opposition, this bill did not carry. However, all of the provisions which were in this measure are already contained in the San Francisco charter, and therefore such powers in San Francisco are already vested in the superintendent.

"It should also be gratifying to all employees of the school department that all attempts to weaken the financial structure of public education were vigorously fought and defeated. The constitutional guaranties for the financing of public education have not been altered."—San Francisco "Public Schools Bulletin."

## SUMMER SCHOOL FOR WORKERS

The fifth annual session of the Western Summer School for Workers will open at Berkeley on July 10, continuing to August 10. Objectives of the school are to provide opportunity to study the social and economic problems of today, to train students in clear thinking and adequate expression

and to develop a desire for study as a means to the understanding and enjoyment of life. Walter Cowan, a vice-president of the California State Federation of Labor, will give lectures on "Trade Union Methods" and John L. Kerchen, Pacific Coast director of the Workers' Education Bureau, will have the class on "History of the Labor Movement." Complete information concerning the faculty and the courses offered, admission requirements, expense and other details can be had from George P. Hedley, 2451 Hearst avenue, Berkeley.

## PREDICTS PRICE-FIXING

Donald Richberg, former N.R.A. administrator, warned a congressional committee this week that federal price-fixing would be a necessary sequel to the Black-Connery wage-hour bill. He urged sharp curtailment of the administrative powers proposed in the bill. Testifying before the joint labor committee, he said Congress should confine itself to outlawing "oppressive" wages and hours.

## Labor Leaders Wanted

By DR. CHARLES STELZLE

Executive Director, Good Neighbor League

In the face of the most complicated industrial situation that has ever confronted our country, and with swiftly moving events in industry multiplying, caused largely by new labor legislation which will change the status of both employers and employees, there has arisen a demand for labor leaders of the highest type and with the finest equipment.

We are entering upon a new era in industrial relationships which will revolutionize the standing of the workers, but we are already engaged in industrial processes through mass production which require the most statesmanlike consideration on the part of labor's representatives when they set up new programs of action and new combinations among the organizations which they represent.

The fundamental principles and objectives of organized labor are already well established. Fifty or more years of experience have taught the workers many valuable lessons, and labor has also decided by progressive programs what its general methods must be.

It is an outstanding fact that because of the new federal legislation employers are more readily accepting the provisions which it contains than they have been ready to do during any previous period, although, admittedly, many of them are searching for methods whereby they may evade these provisions.

Nor must labor be deceived by the notion that the fight is finished—that it's all over but the shouts of victory. Also, many employers are honestly disturbed about the ultimate consequences of this legislation.

The time has come for interpretation and leadership for both industry and labor. Industry can afford to pay for the best talent that money can buy. Labor has chiefly the brains, experience and character of its leadership.

The imperative need is for more labor leaders who have these qualities. There can be no doubt that honor and respect will come to such men and women, although, as is always the case, they will be maligned and misrepresented, not only by outsiders but by those within their own ranks. But this has been the common experience of those who have fought for righteousness and justice, no matter what the cause may have been.

The job of leadership in the field of labor may be made one of the greatest in human affairs. Given the qualities which the present situation in industry now demands, there are few positions in the world which hold out such opportunities for service in behalf of humanity as that which is offered the man who will lead his fellow workers.

## Washington News Letter

From Congressman Franck R. Havenner

**National Income.**—A net income in 1936 of 68.8 billion dollars was produced by American workingmen, farmers, business men and financiers. This is based on calculations made by the head of the national income section of the Department of Commerce, Robert Nathan. This is an increase of nearly nine billion dollars over the previous year. Even though there has been a great deal of industrial dissension, the national income this year will be over \$70,000,000,000, which is a 10 per cent gain over 1936.

**New Trade Agreement.**—Talk is going around that the State Department is considering a reciprocal trade pact between Poland and the United States. There are already sixteen trade agreements in operation between this country and others.

**Wage Law.**—After a period of smooth sailing in the committee hearings, the Black-Connery labor standards bill suffered a different turn when representatives of industrial groups as main witnesses opposed it. The C. I. O. and the National Association of Manufacturers opposed the wage-fixing provisions.

**Caution.**—Because the Navy Department decided to keep American naval training ships out of the Mediterranean during the present uncertain Spanish-German crisis in that area, visits of the battleships Arkansas, Wyoming and Texas to various ports in that area have been cancelled.

**Government Helps Youth.**—The National Youth Administration helps many young people when they get out of school to find jobs. Even if some lack special training to qualify them for employment they can be given valuable assistance by the N.Y.A. There is no charge for this service, and any person between the ages of 16 and 25 is eligible.

**Cancer Cure.**—One of our greatest enemies is cancer. It causes more than 137,649 deaths annually and is said to kill more persons in one year and three-quarters than were killed in battle during all wars the United States has ever fought in. Congress is taking steps which may lead to an expansion in federal appropriations for cancer research. In both houses bills are pending providing for a continuance of the annual appropriation of \$1,000,000 for this research. In the House the Maverick bill calls for an appropriation for the next fiscal year of \$2,400,000 to provide money for a National Cancer Center in Washington to carry on fundamental studies of the malady.

**Extension of P.W.A.**—The House extended the life of P.W.A. for two more years without a record vote. By restricting its activities to projects already begun or planned for, the agency would be put into a "status of liquidation," however. The P.W.A., under the bill, would be enabled to use \$124,000,000 for loans, \$40,000,000 for grants, besides the unobligated \$95,000,000 in its revolving fund.

**Put Gold to Work.**—Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska believes that the Treasury should use the gold that is being hoarded. He feels that it is just a matter of expansion of currency and that it should be put to work.

## LABOR DAY SPEAKER

Sheriff Daniel C. Murphy of San Francisco has accepted an invitation to deliver the address at the Labor Day celebration at Recreation Park in Long Beach. The unions of that city and San Pedro will unite in the demonstration, which it is anticipated will be the greatest in the history of southern California and will have 12,000 in the parade that will open the day's events. Sheriff Murphy is a member of the Web Pressmen's Union, a former president of the State Federation of Labor and is well grounded in the fundamental principles and policies of the labor movement.

## Continuing Census on Unemployed Is Sought

Two bills introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Frank W. Fries of Illinois provide for employment and unemployment censuses designed to secure prompt and continuing accurate figures on both the number of persons employed and the number of employables.

The first bill provides that the decennial census shall be taken next spring instead of in 1940, with suitable schedules for unemployment information covering all phases of industry and commerce. The second bill calls for a like census on all odd numbered years so that the facts on unemployment conditions may be available at all times.

### Machinery Destroys Jobs

In a statement explaining the necessity for the proposed censuses, Representative Fries said:

"We all realize machines have displaced thousands of human beings. Industry is operating with a minimum of employees and because of the advance of science and invention a large percentage of the displaced workers will be kept in idleness. Unless something is done of a permanent nature to aid the three distinct factors governing our country—business, agriculture and labor—it will be impossible to correct the evils now existing. It is high time we know how many persons are eligible for employment and what they are qualified to do."

### Desires Basis for Workable Laws

The author of the measure stated that it is intended to ascertain the number employed in each of the hundreds of divisions of industry, as well as facts on who has been receiving relief and for how long, and to present statistics to guide Congress in legislation dealing with appropriations to care for the needy and a basis for drafting workable economic and industrial laws.

"Without knowledge of those eligible for employment," he declared, "the Congress cannot solve our problems with any degree of success. It is impossible to tax ourselves out of the economic jungle. We must find some way to put people back to work."

### FREE LANGUAGE CLASSES

Forty foreign language classes which are free to adults will be conducted during the summer months under the W.P.A. program of the State Department of Education. Seven different tongues, including French, Spanish, Danish, German, Italian, Russian and Latin, will be taught by methods easily assimilated by students. These classes will be held in various centers throughout the city and information concerning time and place of lessons can be obtained from the office at 216 Market street, Douglas 7119.

## 100 Per Cent Union! Count 'Em!

### Dazzling! Stupendous! First! See It!

The "Biggest Show on Earth" has signed a union-shop agreement—a welcome announcement to fathers in the organized labor movement who "have to go to take the children."

In Philadelphia recently the Ringling Brothers-Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows, Inc., signed an agreement with the American Federation of Actors, an A. F. of L. affiliate, whereby its 1397 employees come into the union fold.

The pact, covering employees in the seventeen departments of the famous circus—everyone from the highest-paid performers down to those who drive the tent stakes—granted wage increases and improved working conditions.

For years circuses have dealt with the organized musicians and bill posters and billers, but this is said to be the first time in history that so comprehensive an agreement has been negotiated.

The time to apply your brakes is just before going into a non-union store.

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUNDS

An unemployment insurance fund totaling \$65,000,000 will be available January 1, 1938, to California jobless who have contributed toward it. This estimate was made by the California Unemployment Reserves Commission as collections from employers and employees reached a new high of \$33,358,013, of which about \$11,000,000 was contributed the first three months of this year.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

Examinations for the state civil service are scheduled for the following dates and positions: July 10 (applications must be filed by July 2), junior safety engineer and inspector, \$170 a month; July 24 (application by July 17), library aid, \$95 a month. Complete information concerning the examinations can be had from the State Personnel Board office in this city or from that of the State Employment Service.

## SETTLE FLOUR MILL STRIKE

Federal Labor Union No. 20,261, comprising flour mill workers of Pendleton, Ore., has notified the San Francisco Labor Council that the strike at the Preston-Shaffer mills at Waitsburg, Wash., and Freewater and Athena, Ore., has been settled to the satisfaction of the union and requested that members of organized labor be notified that the company is now fair to the union.

## JAPAN AND FASCISM

Japan is said to be rapidly passing into a semi-fascist militarized state. The new Konoye government has outlined a five-year program at a cost of \$2,669,000,000, which gives the government almost complete control over all production, over all labor and, of course, over all finances.

## "JUST A PAIR OF KIDS"

Leroy C. Smith, the Mailer correspondent of the Labor Clarion, accompanied by his mother, left this week for Chico in the family Ford to visit relatives. "By the way," says the scribe, "mother first saw the light of day in 1845; yours truly in 1867. Just a pair of kids!"

## Maritime Federation Convention

### Decides Several Knotty Questions

All work on board American Mail Line ships in British Columbia's ports will go to members of the International Longshoremen's Association, while local workmen will be allowed to work the docks, the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, meeting in Portland, Ore., has decided.

The Federation also passed a resolution that the Marine Cooks and Stewards' unit go on an eight-hour day.

Further action taken by the Pacific group provided that in the future all winches aboard ship will be oiled by the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Water-tenders and Wipers' Association.

More unity between the East and West coast factions of the shipping organizations was urged in the conference.

The Federation was expected to conclude its business the end of this week or the first of next, officials reported. Several resolutions were still to be acted upon.

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## Declares Canadian Laws Inviting Dictatorship

Attacking legislation recently put through the Quebec legislature by Premier Duplessis' Union National government, P. M. Draper, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, in an address to an international union rally of 7000 at Montreal, declared that the acts providing for commissions to regulate wages and working hours of organized and unorganized trades "mean that Quebec is moving towards the corporate state." He continued:

### To Control Workers' Minds

"The enactment of these two laws is the initial step toward totalitarianism; they follow closely the decrees governing fascist Italy, thereby establishing a political dictatorship which all employees and employers will be forced to obey.

"The Union National government plans to mould the workers' minds and consciences and regiment their lives and acts to the ways of the state and for its political ends."

The government has reserved to itself, Draper added, the right to determine to which association wage earners should belong, or whether any organization was fit to participate in collective bargaining. "Any organization suspected of radical sympathies could be banned," he said.

### Labor Demands Progress

In further setting forth the true doctrine of trade unionism the speaker said:

"The Trades and Labor Congress is opposed to any type of dictatorship, no matter under what banner it may masquerade. It stands for, and will continue to fight for, freedom of speech and assembly, and freedom to organize, recognizing that they are fundamental factors in cultural development and social progress."

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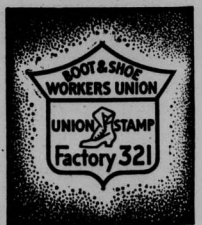
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## Union Charter Revoked

A strike of the mailers on three Pittsburgh newspapers, causing suspension of publication, has resulted in the suspension of the charter of the Mailers' Union of that city by Charles P. Howard, president of the International Typographical Union, according to private dispatches from Pittsburgh.

The publishers' association declared the strike broke a contract which runs until January 7, 1938, and forced more than 5000 employees out of work.

The association said the union demanded an immediate daily pay increase of \$1.20 for day work and \$1.50 for night work.

### DUAL UNIONISM CHARGED

Officials of Automobile Mechanics' Union No. 1305 charge that an organization calling itself "Local 271, International Union of Automobile Workers of America," is dual to their union, and is endeavoring to contact employers. As evidence of this a blank agreement which calls for wages for mechanics and "other help" considerably below those being paid to members of No. 1305 is in their hands. The dual union is said to be affiliated with the C. I. O.

### NAME HURLEY REPRESENTATIVE

Edgar S. Hurley has been named business representative of Linemen's Union No. 50, affiliate of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. His duties will be among the utility workers and others coming under the particular jurisdiction, in a district extending from Napa to San Jose. Hurley's membership in the electrical workers' organization extends over a period of thirty-five years.

### ANTHOLOGY BY W. P. A. WRITERS

"American Stuff," first national anthology of creative writing by members of the Federal Writers' Project, will be published in August. This announcement has just been released by Henry G. Alsberg, national director of the project. An unusually large proportion of the contents will be the work of California authors.

## Virginia Labor Rejects Attack

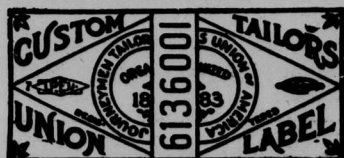
### On Senate Foes of Court Plan

In annual convention in Lynchburg, the Virginia State Federation of Labor defeated, 73 to 14, a resolution condemning Senators Glass and Byrd for opposing President Roosevelt's court reform plan.

The resolution charged that the senators had taken a "reactionary position" on the court plan and had supported the "interest of special privilege." It was disapproved by the convention's legislative committee. The resolution was beaten after long and spirited debate.

Leading the fight to kill the resolution was J. Fred Cherry of Norfolk, former president of the Federation. He contended that its passage would gain for the convention only unfavorable publicity. He also said that the language of the resolution was too general and that it would hurt the Federation more than it would hurt the senators.

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### INDUSTRIAL WELFARE REPORT

Report by Mrs. Mabel Kinney of the State Division of Industrial Welfare shows that during May complaints were received from 134 workers regarding non-payment of wages, improper working conditions or hours of work over the legal maximum, such complaints being investigated, and wages and working conditions adjusted. Licenses were issued for the employment of 253 learners during the month. Permits were issued to 278 infirm or elderly workers authorizing their employment at less than the legal minimum rate, and twenty-four such permits were renewed. Five permits were issued for industrial work to be performed in homes of the applicants.

### NEW A. F. OF L. UNIONS

William A. Spooner, secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, has announced the installation of officers of two new American Federation of Labor unions in Oakland. The unions are the Registered Pharmacists' Union of Alameda County, Local No. 1172, and the Office Workers' Protective Association of Alameda County, Local No. 20744.

### LAW LIMITS WOMEN'S HOURS

A new law in North Carolina limiting the work-week of women to forty-eight hours becomes effective July 1. A few stores had maintained these hours since the days of N.R.A., though many had drifted back to fifty-four hours "and up."

### Mooney's Return to San Quentin

#### Taken to Mean Delay in Decision

Tom Mooney was returned to San Quentin last week under a court order, after having spent twenty-one months in jail in San Francisco during which period he was in attendance on the habeas corpus proceeding in his behalf before the State Supreme Court and awaiting a ruling thereon. Of late he had been under guard in San Francisco Hospital while undergoing treatment for stomach ulcers.

The court order was interpreted to mean that a decision will not be rendered by the state tribunal until after the summer recess.

Mooney issued a statement last week declaring his innocence of the crime with which he was charged, and citing the advocacy of his pardon by Judge Franklin Griffin, who originally sentenced him, and the three instances in which his case has been the subject of intervention by departments of the United States government. He further stated that in the event of an adverse decision by the California Supreme Court an immediate appeal will be taken to the United States Supreme Court, by which latter body he expected to be set free.

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## Teamsters' Conference

### Plans in Western Area

At its recent session in Seattle the Western Conference of Teamsters adopted a resolution pledging the delegates to immediately initiate action in their respective Joint Councils toward the establishment of a Public Relations Department for the organization.

It is proposed that an assessment of 3 cents per member per month be levied, the proceeds from which will be used in dissemination of information through the press, radio and other means, relative to the work and aims of the Brotherhood of Teamsters. Other designated objectives are "to aid, by expert relations counsel, in fighting subversive influences, and those attempting to destroy the Teamsters' Union and the American Federation of Labor."

An organization drive is to be opened in Los Angeles, in which city the next meeting of the conference will also convene in October. Another activity that will occupy a prominent place upon the future program will be the organization of women's auxiliaries in the various localities throughout the eleven Western states comprising the conference area.

The new home of the teamsters' organizations in Seattle was dedicated, at the opening of the conference, to the memory of the late Michael Casey of San Francisco, who at the time of his passing was vice-president of the International Brotherhood—"the man who taught us most of what we know; a great teacher and an intelligent labor leader," said David Beck in the dedicatory address.

### PATTERN MAKERS' AGREEMENT

The Pattern Makers' Association has negotiated an agreement with the Buick Motor Car Company in Flint, Mich., for wage increases covering various classifications of pattern makers. The wages of seventy-six employees were raised from \$1.20 to \$1.25 per hour; sixteen men paid \$1.10 and \$1.15 per hour secured an increase to \$1.30, and those receiving \$1 and \$1.05 per hour got an increase to \$1.20.

### "FIVE AND TEN" STORES

Seeking to avert a strike of 500 employees of the Woolworth and Newberry stores affiliated with the Department Store Employees' Union, John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, has been conducting negotiations between the union and the employers this week.

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## Run o' the Hook

(This department is conducted by the president of San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21)

Of course it had to come on Fathers' Day, but even if it did a large number of dads as well as members who are not dads were in attendance at last Sunday's meeting of Typographical Union No. 21, a resume of the proceedings of which follows: The session convened at 1:10 p. m. with the roll call of officers showing only two absentees . . . According to the membership statement, there was an enrollment of 1500 on June 19 as against 1497 on May 16, a net gain of 3 for the month . . . The financial statement and the auditing committee's report were okehed and both ordered filed . . . Propositions for membership from M. B. Halvari, H. E. Jackson, A. I. Langrell, E. P. Marnell, Thomas Murphy and S. W. Netherton were given their first presentation and referred to committee . . . The apprentice committee's report and recommendations on the eighteen apprentices it had examined for ratings and promotions at its June meeting were adopted. The status of eight others was also reported, and the committee's recommendations on these likewise were concurred in. William Mount, Jr., J. V. Phillips and Frank Reinke were obligated as apprentice members . . . F. P. Jensen, Mrs. Mae Kouns, G. A. La Dreau and A. F. Meyer were received into the union as journeymen members . . . Applications of the Rite-way Printing Company and Rutledge & Glissman for permission to use the union label of the Allied Printing Trades Council were approved . . . The report of the canvassing board on the result of the election held May 26 was adopted. Wednesday, June 30, was the date set by the union for the run-off election for the office of president . . . Action on the report of the delegates to the Allied Printing Trades Council concerning a proposed amendment to the council's rules governing the use of its label was deferred one month . . . The scale committee reported progress in the negotiations for a book and job contract, and the chairman of the label committee submitted a brief oral report on its activities. A substantial appropriation was made for the furtherance of the label campaign that has been in progress for the last several months . . . Two petitions for admission to the Union Printers' Home were approved . . . S. Davis, J. J. Hebner, A. Hyman, C. E. Mann, J. McIntyre, L. Seymour, W. E. Shephard, W. H. Whitmore and D. Zari were elected to the board which will canvass the votes at the election of June 30 . . . The meeting adjourned following the installation

**Typographical Union Election**  
**NEXT WEDNESDAY**  
June 30th

**George S. Hollis**  
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**FOR PRESIDENT**

The vital interest of San Francisco Typographical Union . . . in these critical times . . . will best be protected, and furthered, by electing to the office of President one who has intimate acquaintance with the details and personnel of the local labor movement. His years of well known, and faithful, service in union activities have so equipped George Hollis, who is

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of those officers elected May 26 who will serve the union during the ensuing two-year term. The meeting was animated throughout and because of time consumed in debate on matters deemed of moment to the union did not conclude until 6:30 o'clock.

John R. ("Shorty") Gibson, former member of San Francisco Typographical Union now living in Los Angeles, and who is well known throughout the I. T. U. jurisdiction from Kennebec to Baja California and Seattle to Tallahassee, was a visitor at union headquarters this week. He was headed toward the Northwest via the Redwood Empire highway. Looked just about as skookum as he did two years ago, when he stopped in San Francisco en route from Denver to Los Angeles.

The drive for the union label on printed matter, of all descriptions, must suffer no abatement during the vacation season. Spread the demand wherever you may find yourself located—the opportunities are without limit. And, here at home, let us keep shoulders squarely behind the work of the label committee against those non-label menu cards and market price bulletins.

Charles Newton of the composing room staff of the "Call-Bulletin" died of a heart ailment with contributory causes at University of California Hospital last Tuesday. Mr. Newton, 44, was born at Boston. He had been employed on the "Call-Bulletin" a major part of the time since he came to San Francisco about four years ago. He is survived by his widow, Claribel Newton. Services for Mr. Newton were held yesterday, with Rev. J. P. Turner of the Episcopal Church officiating. His remains were incinerated at Woodlawn Memorial Park. Five of the six who served as his pallbearers were members of the "Call-Bulletin" Chapel.

Joseph Rychavy, printer on the steamship President Lincoln, is confined to the Marine Hospital with a badly injured foot. "Joe" would welcome any of the members of the union who might find it possible to call on him.

C. C. Nunnally, member of Modesto Typographical Union, has been named an assistant in the organizing campaign of the American Federation of Labor in this state, and will work under the direction of Rowland Watson, the Federation organizer in this territory.

### FIGHTING KOHLER OUTFIT

Another chapter in the bitter Kohler strike, which began at the plant of the Kohler Company in Kohler, Wis., in July, 1934, was recently enacted in the city of Sheboygan, that state, where an effort to install Kohler equipment in the new junior high school building was contested vigorously by organized labor. The Kohler Company products include plumbing fixtures, sinks, lavatories, heating plants, radiators, electric light plants, brass fittings and similar commodities.

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## Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

The regular meeting of No. 21 on June 20 was lengthy and snappy . . . A resolution presented by the Labor Council requesting that financial aid be extended to the striking hotel workers was adopted; also another protesting reduction of W.P.A. forces on various projects now being carried on . . . By-laws committee reported progress . . . R. A. Matli and Lester Searles were obligated as journeymen members . . . J. E. (Jack) Cornelison, assistant foreman of the "Chronicle," has been unable to attend to his duties recently, owing to a severe cold which confined him to his home, and from which he was reported to be convalescing . . . An application for I. T. U. pension was approved.

Book of Laws of I. T. U., Article XXI, Section 4—"The secretary of a subordinate union shall receive an International traveling card at any time if the card be clear and within date and no charges pending against the holder . . . Membership in said union shall date from time of said reception and any person admitted by such card shall be exempt from the usual initiation fee and from any assessments of which he is not a beneficiary."

Obviously the action taken by Seattle, Kansas City and Milwaukee mailers' unions in placing a "tariff barrier" or "head tax" on travelers is contrary to the letter and spirit of I. T. U. laws governing same. For instance, the Seattle union will accept an I. T. U. traveler from an "outlaw" and I. T. U. affiliated mailer union. But in so doing the member depositing said traveler is informed by the secretary of that union that before he and other travelers will be permitted to work in that jurisdiction it will be necessary to pay an "initiation" fee of \$150 as "dues" to the M. T. D. U. In Kansas City the "initiation" fee is \$100. Both Seattle and Kansas City unions are affiliated with the M. T. D. U. The Milwaukee union, much to the surprise of many mailers, taxes travelers a "head tax," which they term an "assessment fee," of \$10. Apparently members of some mailer unions imagine they are a law unto themselves. But the sooner they get that idea out of their minds and remove "tariff barriers" on travelers the better it will be for all concerned. It is reported that in one of the larger mailer unions a traveler must have the "okeh" of the president of that union before he can seek a livelihood at the trade in that union. "Poobah" or one-man dictatorship in mailer unions should not be tolerated. The union should be paramount to the individual, or certain individuals, at all times. Mailer dictatorships, permitted to exist owing to the apathy of many of the rank and file, are the principal reason for so many mailers being unorganized.

No. 18 now has 101 members.

C. Coltrain deposited a traveler from Los Angeles.

### Court Rules "Sit-Down" Strikers Violate Wagner and Sherman Acts

A sit-down strike "is not in fact a strike" and therefore is illegal, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in Philadelphia this week in the first decision of its kind by a federal tribunal.

In a unanimous decision of three judges the court ordered immediate eviction of 256 sit-down strikers who have occupied the Apex Hosiery Company plant since May 6.

The ruling held that sit-down strikers violated both the Wagner labor act and the Sherman anti-trust act.

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## Teamsters and Brewers' Jurisdictional Dispute

Federal Judge Michael J. Roche on Wednesday last indicated that he will refuse to intervene in the struggle of the Brotherhood of Teamsters and the United Brewery Workers' Union for control of brewery drivers.

"The fire that is aflame today in America is the jurisdictional labor battle. It has been the problem of men who work for fifty years," said the judge.

Appearing for the California Brewers' Institute, Attorney Gregory Harrison declared:

"This jurisdictional problem will be settled in the streets of Oregon and Washington cities unless the federal court acts."

The injunction proceedings were interjected into the suit filed by the brewers' organization in July, 1936, against the two unions, in which the court was asked to determine which union the employers should recognize.

Continuing the injunction petition and hearings in the suit for two days, Judge Roche strongly intimated he would dismiss the entire proceedings.

The judge declared no federal court ever has ruled upon its right to decide jurisdiction between two rival unions and indicated he had no desire to set a precedent. The court suggested he was ready to make the order of dismissal immediately, but all attorneys in the case asked the continuance.

### CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

State Labor Commissioner Nolan has released figures showing that in May, 1936, the number of employees on the payrolls of 1660 California manufacturing plants, considered representative, was 153,977, as compared with 175,954 employees in May, 1937, an increase of 21,977. The total amount of payrolls for these establishments was \$4,065,723 for the week ending May 15, 1936, and was \$5,031,116 for the same week in this year. During the same period the average per capita weekly earnings of wage earners in the establishments covered were \$26.40 in May, 1936, and \$28.59 in May, 1937.

### AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION

In the first three months of 1937 the number of pleasure cars registered in California exceeded 2,000,000. During this time 2,007,486 automobiles were registered, as compared with 1,873,065 in the same period last year, an increase of 7.18 per cent. Total fee-paid registration increased from 2,072,284 in 1936 to 2,232,415 for this year, an increase of 7.73 per cent.

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### STUDY OF LABOR QUESTION

Young priests from the Bay area are attending a summer school at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, at which a study is being made of labor history and economics, with especial attention being given to the encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, "On the Condition of Labor," issued in 1891. Among those invited to be guest speakers at the sessions, as having practical knowledge of the general subject, are President Jack Shelley and Secretary John A. O'Connell of the San Francisco Labor Council, Harry Bridges of the Maritime Federation and George Kidwell of the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union.

### AUTOISTS RACING WITH TRAINS

Last year 127 motorists staked their lives and lost in a reckless game at California railroad crossings. With many of the fatal accidents occurring on unobstructed crossings, the deceptive speed of a fast-moving train is a logical explanation for this large number of deaths. A fast passenger train may travel a thousand feet in a little more than eight seconds, or about the time it takes a motorist to shift gears and get his car rolling. While a train speeding along at this rate might seem a safe distance away, actually it is perilously close to the crossing.

### Paramount Importance of the Public Welfare in Regulation of Monopolies

Holding that public convenience and necessity require the inauguration of co-ordinated rail and bus service, the Arizona Corporation Commission granted the application of a subsidiary of the Santa Fe Railway to institute such service between Phoenix and Wickenburg.

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## Chauffeurs' Union No. 265

By ARTHUR ELSTON

Chauffeurs' Union No. 265 held its quarterly meeting on June 10. At these quarterly meetings attendance is compulsory unless a valid excuse is presented, lacking which a fine is imposed.

At this meeting each member was presented with a copy of the Labor Clarion with a suggestion from the writer that they become subscribers "to your own paper." The printed statement accompanying the copies of the paper said in part:

"The reason that I am so eager to have you subscribe to this paper is that it is for your information and protection. The paper tells you what is fair and what is unfair to organized labor. . . .

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"Besides all this, the Labor Clarion is the only paper publishing the real facts of the labor movement, regarding which you ought to be correctly informed.

"The Labor Clarion has no other cause to promote except the welfare of union labor. It contains valuable and instructive material for your information. Also it is the official newspaper of the San Francisco Labor Council."

The result was that a large number of members subscribed to the Labor Clarion, and many more are expected to do so. It would be well if all local unions would adopt similar measures of building up the circulation of our official newspaper, and thus make possible the publication of a more comprehensive medium of publicity for the cause of union labor.

Reports to the meeting showed that fifteen members are on the sick list and that seventy-five have been laid off because of the hotel strike.

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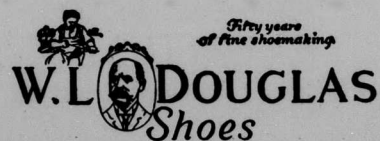
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## S. F. Labor Council

Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 205, Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committees meet every Monday at 7:30 p. m. Label Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Headquarters phone, MArket 6304.

### Synopsis of Minutes of Meeting of the Council Held Friday Evening, June 18, 1937

Called to order at 8:15 p. m. by President John F. Shelley.

**Roll Call of Officers**—All present.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**—Approved as printed in Labor Clarion.

**Credentials**—Building Service Employees No. 87, Myrtle Pine vice William Lee; Cleaning and Dye House Workers No. 7, Richard De Martindale, Lee Harrison; Federation of Teachers No. 61, Edward D. Gallagher vice J. M. Graybiel; Hairdressers and Cosmetologists No. 148A, Dorothy Smith; Longshoremen No. 38-79, A. F. Sauers, E. Harris, Ben Jones, Otto Klieman vice Bridges, Schmidt, Schrimpf, Schumacher; Marine Firemen, Ed O'Neill vice R. J. Fitzgerald; Nursery Workers, Leslie Schwoob vice Anderson; Painters No. 319, George A. Hubbard vice Bob Erickson; Production Machine Operators, Joe Ferris, additional; Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks, C. Johns, S. Keiles, J. Owens; Street and Electric Railway Carmen, Division 518, J. Ledgett vice W. E. Glynn; United Textile Workers No. 2548, Bob Lane, additional. Delegates seated.

**Communications**—Filed: Minutes of Building Trades Council. George Washington Post, American Legion, invitations to trade unionists to attend American ceremony on Monday, June 28, at 8 p. m., at Veterans' Auditorium. Central Labor Council of Los Angeles, stating that name of Buck Jones, movie actor, removed from unfair list, as he has complied with rules in regard to having home constructed by union labor, and requesting unions having placed his name on unfair list to remove name from such list.

Referred to Labor Clarion—Flour Mill Workers No. 20261 of Pendleton, Ore., stating that Preston-Shaffer Milling Company is now fair to them.

Referred to Officers—Protest of Municipal Parks Employees No. 311 against order that each man pay \$25 for two uniforms.

Referred to Executive Committee—Grocery Clerks, submission of two scales and agreements. Wage scale and agreement of Federal Labor Union No. 20444 to be presented to Echlon Company and Universal Molding Company. Letters transmitting donations to Mooney and Billings Fund: Blacksmiths, \$10; Brewery Workers No. 85,

Terre Haute, Ind., \$5; Central Body, Rawlins, Wyo., \$2; Civil Service Janitors No. 66, \$5; Laborers No. 304, Oakland, \$13.95; Labor Union No. 1212, Coffeyville, \$5; Laborers No. 591, Santa Barbara, \$25; Fayette Labor Union No. 20474, \$2; Millinery Workers No. 40, \$5; Molders No. 164, \$10; Mine Workers No. 6561, \$10; Operating Engineers No. 87, Portland, Ore., \$5; Painters No. 1000, Centralia, Wash., \$5; Painters No. 1346, Inglewood, Calif., \$5; Railway Painters No. 392, Milwaukee, Wis., \$2; Shipwrights No. 1149, Oakland, Calif., \$10; United Textile Workers No. 2487, \$10; Los Angeles, Calif., A. F. of L. Committee, \$200; Joint Board I. L. G. W. A., Los Angeles, \$150.74. Total, \$480.69. Contributions to hotel strike, San Francisco: Amalgamated Clothing Workers No. 266, \$100; Building Service Employees No. 87, \$375; Furniture Workers No. 1541, \$250; Lithographers No. 17, \$100; Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90, \$20; Milk Wagon Drivers, \$475; Molders No. 164, \$50; Stove Mounters No. 61, \$10; Theatrical Stage Employees No. 16, \$25; Teachers No. 61, \$4.50; Web Pressmen No. 4, \$32.50; Window Cleaners No. 44, \$50. Total, \$1492.

Referred to Law and Legislative Committee—Delegate J. D. Cronin of Longshoremen No. 38-79, resolution, complaint regarding intimidation of delegates at Portland convention by agents of U. S. Immigration Department.

Resolution of Northern California Newspaper Guild, protesting the summary dismissal of W. E. Watts, director of the W. P. A. theater project, and a large number of the cast of "Power," one of the plays of "The Living Newspaper." Concurred in and copies to be sent to the persons named in the resolution.

**Report of Executive Committee**—Application for strike sanction of Cracker Bakers No. 125 and organizations involved; discussed and referred to officers to hold further negotiations with employers. Heard large delegation of Bank Clerks, newly organized formation of clerks, requesting guidance and advice; matter discussed at length, and committee recommends that Brother Rowland Watson, A. F. of L. organizer, keep in touch with the organization and render it assistance and advice. Strike sanction requested by Dairy and Creamery Employees No. 304; referred to officers for further assistance in bringing about negotiations. Paint, Lacquer and Varnish Workers reported men on strike at Glidden Company have returned to work and will renew negotiations to adjust existing differences. Report concurred in.

**Reports of Unions**—Department Store Clerks No. 1100 are making progress in wage negotiations with employers, and are meeting with opposition from several stores. Newspaper Circulators have signed new agreement with newspaper publishers calling for material betterments, and thanked Council for assistance. Janitors No. 87 have been unsuccessful in their negotiations with Office Building Managers, and contemplate strike

action. Filling Station Employees are conducting negotiations with employers, and signed up the McKale's stations 100 per cent; have signed an agreement with the Rubber Institute; are having trouble with several agencies. Culinary Workers reported that 42 Class "B" hotels are locking out members of various unions; struck the Chancellor and Olympic hotels; strikers standing firm on the seventh week of the strike; cost of maintaining strike is now \$25,000 a week, and request all to continue with liberal donations for support of those on strike; benefit ball game Monday evening at Seals' Stadium. Cracker Bakers are experiencing difficulty in negotiating a new agreement with Loose-Wiles and National Biscuit companies. Window Cleaners voted to pay weekly strike assessment for culinary strike. Laundry Workers are meeting with success organizing French laundries; hotels on strike are recruiting strike-breakers from Los Angeles; will give best co-operation to culinary people on strike in hotels. Newspaper Guild donated \$25 to cigar clerks; are organizing the rural districts in Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. United Textile Workers completed agreement with Brown Curled Hair Company, gaining material increases and betterments. Shoe Salesmen are negotiating agreements with employers, and donated \$50 to culinary strike. Molders invited all to attend their annual picnic at Neptune Beach on Sunday, June 20; are making progress organizing another shop in Oakland. Warehousemen are making progress in strike against United Cigar Company warehouse; have started organizing a baseball team and league that will play at the Jefferson diamond every Saturday afternoon. The Ladies' Garment Workers have presented an agreement to employers; negotiations have been broken off, and anticipate trouble with employers; employees at Gantner & Mattern's have been organized, and the Joint Board reports a donation of \$25 to culinary workers. Paint Makers are negotiating with employers in the Bay area, and have signed up many plants. Brother Mason for the culinary workers reported doing much organizing work throughout the state. Production Machine Operators will have to take action against the Ecklon shop. Bottlers No. 203 have gained many betterments, and were successful in bringing the Los Angeles scale upon an equality with the San Francisco scale.

**Receipts, \$2,066.40; expenditures, \$1,791.09.**

Council adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

### ALCAZAR THEATER ATTRACTION

The Declaration of Independence declares for all the rights not only to life and liberty but the "pursuit of happiness" as well. On this passage in the greatest of all documents of the American people are based the theme and plot of one of the rarest romantic comedies of recent years, "Pursuit of Happiness," a play that opens at the Alcazar Theater in San Francisco next Tuesday, June 29, under auspices of the Federal Theater Project of the W.P.A. Theme of the production deals with situations of a Hessian deserter from his British regiment who had decided to give literal interpretation to the title phrase.



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## Labor Day Committee

Meeting Held in the Labor Temple  
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Called to order at 8:20 p. m. by John A. O'Connell, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, who called for the election of a temporary chairman.

Daniel P. Haggerty, past president of the San Francisco Labor Council, and delegate-at-large of the same Council, was nominated for temporary chairman, and being the only nominee was elected by acclamation.

Roll call of delegates was then had, and those present so recorded.

First order of business was then declared to be the determination of the question of the character of the 1937 Labor Day celebration.

It was moved and seconded that the program for this year's celebration be a parade in the forenoon, literary exercises in the afternoon and entertainment and a grand ball in the evening. Motion carried.

Delegate Clarence H. King of Musicians' Union No. 6 announced the prices for bands furnished by the union will be: Sixteen-men band, \$105.60; twenty men, \$132; thirty men, \$198. Unions which had bands last year are requested at earliest opportunity to either get in touch with the leader of the band last year or communicate the order to Musicians' Union. All are requested to give in their orders for bands early, and if possible use a band of not less than twenty pieces.

Moved and seconded that each union be requested to appoint five additional delegates to the one appointed by this general committee. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that permanent officers of this committee be nominated and elected at next meeting of the general committee, to be held in the Labor Temple Saturday evening, June 26. Motion carried.

According to former practice, to alternate each year as to the chairmanship of the committee, it was announced that the president of the Building Trades Council will be entitled to the chairmanship of the committee for this year's celebration.

To guard the judges of the parade against the heat, that may become oppressive as in several former years, it was, on motion, decided that an awning be erected on the stand for their protection.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the permanent chairman be empowered to appoint all

necessary committees to arrange and handle the celebration.

Moved, seconded and carried that the secretary be empowered to hire the Civic Auditorium for the afternoon and evening of Labor Day.

Moved, seconded and carried that the secretary be empowered to hire the necessary music for the celebration.

Moved, seconded and carried that loud speakers be placed along the line of parade for making announcements as in former years.

The representative of the Label Section reminded all present of the necessity of ordering their union regalia and uniforms at an early date and to take care that they bear the union label.

Committee adjourned at 9 p. m. to meet next Saturday evening in the Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets, at 8 o'clock.

Fraternal submitted.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

## One Hundred and Fifty on Strike

### At Local Automotive Parts Plant

One hundred and fifty employees of Echlin & Echlin, automotive parts manufacturers in San Francisco, struck this week when negotiations over wages broke down. The San Francisco Labor Council had previously sanctioned the strike.

The strikers are members of the A. F. of L. chartered Production Parts Union and seek 60 cents an hour, a forty-hour week and union recognition. The employers offered 45 cents an hour, whereas the industry already has established a 60-cent scale, according to John F. Shelley, president of the Labor Council.

### FILLING STATIONS SIGN UP

It was reported on Wednesday last that thirty-seven San Francisco filling stations signed an agreement with the Filling Station Employees' Union through the Automotive Maintenance and Garage Association. Terms include a forty-eight-hour week, one week vacation with pay and a wage scale for station managers, senior and junior operators ranging from \$105 to \$160 monthly.

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## Resolution

The following resolution, presented by the Newspaper Guild, was concurred in by the San Francisco Labor Council last Friday evening:

"Whereas, The Newspaper Guild of New York City sponsored the production of the 'Living Newspaper' in New York City which included the production of the play 'Power'; and

"Whereas, William E. Watts, director, and Charles Bratt, production supervisor of the cast of that play, now in rehearsal in San Francisco, have been notified of dismissal from the Federal Theater Project here, with consequent threat of the removal or postponement of this play; and

"Whereas, Mr. Watts has been the director of such outstanding Federal Theater plays as 'The First Legion,' 'Chalk Dust,' 'Battle Hymn' and 'It Can't Happen Here,' and his dismissal and the dismissal of the members of his cast may seriously handicap the usefulness of the Theater Project in San Francisco; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Northern California Newspaper Guild protests these dismissals and requests that Mr. Watts, Mr. Bratt and the other members of 'Power' be reinstated in their jobs; and be it further

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Hallie Flanagan and to the San Francisco Labor Council, President Roosevelt, Henry G. Alsberg, Franck R. Havenner, Richard J. Welch, William Gibbs McAdoo, Board of Supervisors of San Francisco, William Lawson, Hiram Johnson, Harry L. Hopkins, Mayor Angelo J. Rossi of San Francisco, Mrs. Roosevelt."

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## General Labor Notes

The Weber Engine Company, Kansas City, hostile to union men for the past twenty-five years, has signed a union shop agreement with the International Association of Machinists.

Fifteen thousand pulp and paper mill workers have accepted a wage increase of 10 cents an hour, which will mean \$4,000,000 more pay for them in the next year. The agreement is effective in thirty-two mills in Washington, Oregon and California.

The Newspaper Guild of Jackson, Miss., has voted to withdraw from its parent body since the latter's announcement of affiliation with the C. I. O. It is said that two other guilds in the South have signified a favorable attitude toward a like course.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, reports that the membership of the parent body is 3,000,670, which is a gain of 560,670 since August 31, 1936. The figures do not include members of the ten suspended C. I. O. unions.

The Ice Wagon Drivers' Union of Seattle has negotiated a new agreement covering helpers employed in the cold storage and ice manufacturing plants of that city carrying a \$6 per day minimum wage for steady men and 90 cents per hour minimum for extra men.

The San Francisco Building Trades Council has submitted to its affiliated unions a proposed agreement with the local employers' association in that industry. A request was made, along with the submission, that a vote be taken and report made to the Building Trades Council not later than July 15.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has negotiated an agreement with the Crosley Radio Corporation of Cincinnati, covering over 3000 employees. In negotiating the contract the autonomy of the Machinists, Engineers and other organizations was recognized and maintained.

Members of Division 758, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, in Tacoma, have secured increases in wages of 7½ per cent for those in the higher brackets and a straight 5 cents an hour for those who are lower paid, bringing the basic minimum wage to 70 cents an hour for platform men.

Silva M. A. Green, seized by a tar-and-feather mob in Santa Rosa two years ago, again lost in the federal court last week in his fight to collect \$25,000 damages from Fred Cairns, secretary of the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce and an alleged participant in the mob action. It was stated that further appeal probably will be taken.

Representatives of southern California chambers of commerce and newspaper publishers will meet in Los Angeles on June 30 to discuss a program designed to discourage the employment in California of arrivals from other states. The move was inaugurated by the Los Angeles board of supervisors, according to news dispatches.

Seventy-five East Coast and Gulf shipping firms have agreed to an election to be conducted under the direction of the National Labor Relations Board to determine the collective bargaining agent for 75,000 seamen. The election will have a bearing on the existing controversy between the Interna-

tional Seamen's Union and the National Maritime Union.

Automotive Maintenance Local No. 1126 of Long Beach recently went on strike against twenty repair shops operated in conjunction with new car sales agencies. It is stated that men working on a percentage basis have been known to receive as low as \$2 per week after being compelled to remain on the job the entire time. They received 40 per cent of the job price and furnished tools required for the work.

A news dispatch from Geneva says that efforts to reach an agreement on a forty-hour week developed into an open battle between representatives of the United States and England at the present session of the international labor conference. Francis Gorman of the United Textile Workers of America is quoted as having called the British delegates "the bulwark of reaction in this conference," the latter representatives having contended the shorter work-week would discriminate against workers in other countries.

### POSSIBLE GARMENT STRIKE

Plans for a possible strike in the dress and cloak and suit industries of San Francisco were to be formulated at a joint executive meeting of both dress locals yesterday, it was announced by Jennie Matyas, organizer of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

### Agreement With Safeway Stores Negotiated by Clerks' Union

Safeway Stores all the way from Palo Alto to Hollister are embraced in an agreement recently negotiated with the Clerks' Union, including thirteen stores in San Jose, Willow Glen, Burbank and Santa Clara.

The agreement took effect June 14. The contract carries on year after year, with possibility of either contracting party reopening negotiations on wages and hours at expiration of a year.

Besides stores in the San Jose area the agreement is valid in other Safeway stores in Mountain View, Palo Alto, Mayfield, Sunnyvale, Morgan Hill, Los Gatos, Gilroy and Hollister.

Wages are \$35 a week for managers, \$22.50 for clerks with over six months' experience, and \$18 for apprentice clerks with less than six months' experience. Department managers receive \$30.



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## 7-Cent Fare Denied

Under a ruling released on Tuesday last by the State Railroad Commission the Market Street Railway was refused permission to put into effect the proposed 7-cent fare, but was granted the right to charge 2 cents for each transfer issued.

This order, which caused surprise to the general public, will be complied with by the company, according to Samuel Kahn, who expects that because of the transfer charge the number issued will in future be 50 per cent less than at present.

The chief grounds for denial of the company's application to charge 7 cents for single rides, or 25 cents for four, were that the railway would have to charge its patrons an additional \$1,350,000 to obtain \$350,000 in revenue.

The opinion disclosed the commission recognized the company's right to additional revenue, but did not like its proposed solution.

Assistant City Attorney Dion Holm, who represented the city at the hearings, expressed satisfaction with the commission's ruling.

### SAM GOMPERS, JR.

Samuel J. Gompers, son of the late Samuel Gompers, former president of the American Federation of Labor, recently observed the fiftieth anniversary of his service with the United States government. He is chief clerk of the Department of Labor and has served under four Secretaries of Labor. He entered the employ of the government as a compositor in the Government Printing Office on April 23, 1887.

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